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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/825,104	<b>Applicant(s)</b> LADOUCEUR ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Michael Vu	<b>Art Unit</b> 2617	

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The Art Unit location of your application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit 2617.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mullen (US 2005/0266891).

Regarding **claims 1 and 7**, Mullen teaches a mobile alerter (Fig. 1, #130, a remote/host notification/alerter device) for a mobile communication device (Fig. 1, a cellular phone #101) the mobile alerter comprising: a processor (Fig. 4, #471); a power supply (Fig. 1, #136, Fig. 4, #480); a wireless receiver to communicate with the mobile communication device (Fig. 1, #111 interfacing wire/wireless with #112); notification hardware for triggering a notification of an incoming alert [0018-0022]; and a connection interface for removably connecting the mobile alerter to the mobile communication

device [0018-0022]; the mobile alerter forming the notification unit of the mobile communication device such that the mobile alerter outputs notification alerts for the mobile communication device when the mobile alerter is in a tethered mode (connected to the host device), and the mobile alerter outputs notification alerts for the mobile communication device when the mobile alerter is in an un-tethered mode (attachment to the host/cell device) (Figs. 1-4, 0018-0036)).

Regarding **claim 2**, Mullen teaches the mobile alerter of claim 1, wherein the notification hardware comprises at least one type of hardware selected from the following group a speaker, a vibrator, and a light (Fig. 1, Speaker #132, Vibrator #135, LED #134 of the #100 Alert/Notification Device).

Regarding **claim 3**, Mullen teaches the mobile alerter of claim 1, wherein the power supply comprises a battery (Fig. 1, #136 Battery/Power Supply).

Regarding **claim 4**, Mullen teaches a mobile communication device comprising: a processor (Cellular Phone #101); a wireless communication means to communicate with a wireless network (communication device #112, receive/transmit the incoming/outgoing calls [0018]; a wireless transmitter for communication with a wireless network (communication device #112); a wireless receiver for communication with a wireless network (Fig. 1, cellular phone #101); a wireless transmitter for communication with a mobile alerter of claim 1 (Fig. 1, cellular phone #101 transmits to alerter/notification device #130); a housing with an indenture for receiving the mobile alerter (Fig. 1-2, [0018-0036]; and a connection interface for receiving the mobile alerter (Fig. 2, #211 and #212).

Regarding **claim 5**, Mullen teaches the mobile communication device of claim 4, wherein the wireless communication means comprises at least one form of communication means selected from the following group: a voice communication means, and a data communication means [0018-0036].

Regarding **claim 6**, Mullen teaches the mobile communication device of claim 4, wherein the connection interface comprises at least one form of interface selected from the following group: a serial interface, a parallel interface, a USB interface, a Firewire interface, and a wireless interface (male or female connectors, and wireless communication such as infrared, WiFi, Bluetooth, etc., communication may be one-way or two-way [0029]).

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-8131. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 6:00pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duc Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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